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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend Paragraph 2 on Page 3, as follows:

In certain preferred embodiments the surface-active material is selected from the group consisting of Hamposyl C (also known as - Cocoyl Sarcosine), Hamposyl L (also known as - Lauroyl Sarcosine), Hamposyl O (also known as - Oleoyl Sarcosine), Blancol (also known as - the sodium salt of a sulfonated naphthalene condensate), Blancol N (also known as - the sodium salt of a sulfonated naphthalene-formaldehyde condensate), Rhodacal (also known as – the alkylamine salt of alkylbenzene sulfonic acid), and Rhodacal N (also known as – the sodium salt of a sulfonated naphthalene-formaldehyde condensate). In certain preferred embodiments, the pyridine or substituted pyridine compound is selected from the group consisting of nicotinamide, isonicotinamide, 2-aminopyridine, 3-aminopyridine, nicotinic acid and its salts, and isonicotinic acid and its salts. In certain preferred embodiments, the nonprecipitating electrolyte salt is selected from the group consisting of the salts of sulfamic, hydrofluoric, nitric, fluoboric, glycolic, and lactic acids.

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